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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

State of preparation of documentation for the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. By Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/1 and 1979/69 on the control and limitation of documentation and 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate the relevant documentation in all the working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs, and invited the Secretariat to take steps to ensure effective compliance with rule 13, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure of the Council. By resolution 1979/69, the Council requested the Secretariat to inform the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in the relevant annotated agenda, which documents had not been issued in accordance with the six-week rule, with a full explanation of the reasons that prevented their circulation.

2. In view of the schedule of the twenty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission (22 February-3 March 1993), the documentation for that session should have been submitted to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination by 14 December 1992 and circulated by 11 January 1993.

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Annex

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION AS AT 27 JANUARY 1993

Agenda Item	Document and symbol	Date of submission to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination	Date of submission to the Office of Conference Services	Actual or projected date of issue
1	Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1)			Issued
3	Special topic:			
	Strengthening international statistical cooperation			
	Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fourteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/2)			Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programme and Coordination on its fifteenth session, work done and additional action required for implementation on its fifteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/3)	21 December	19 January	10 February
	Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/21)	3 November	5 January	29 January
	Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995, including proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/25)			
	Proposed work programme of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995 and related information (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1)			

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4	National accounts and balances:			
	(a) System of National Accounts (SNA)			
	Report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts on the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1993/4)			Issued
	Note by the International Labour Office transmitting a draft resolution on statistics of employment in the informal sector (E/CN.3/1993/5)	29 December	12 January	29 January
	Final draft of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA) (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/2/REV.4)			
	(b) Implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA)			
	Report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts on the implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1993/6)	12 January	20 January	9 February
5	International economic classifications:			
	(a) Implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC), Rev.3, and the provisional Central Product Classification (CPC)			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation ISIC, Rev.3, the provisional CPC and other classification work (E/CN.3/1993/7)	18 December	13 January	8 February
	(b) International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)			
	Report of the International Labour Office on the revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE) (E/CN.3/1993/8)			Issued

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6	Industrial statistics			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Industrial Statistics (E/CN.3/1993/9)			Issued
7	Service statistics			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work done by national and international agencies in the field of service statistics (E/CN.3/1993/10)	22 January		
8	Price statistics			
	Report of the Secretary-General on developments in the International Comparison Programme (ICP) and other related international comparison issues (E/CN.3/1993/11)			Issued
9	Demographic and social statistics:			
	(a) Population and housing censuses			
	Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sects. I and III)	18 November	4 December	27 January
	(b) Civil registration and vital statistics			
	Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sect. II)			

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	(c) Statistics on special population groups			
	Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sect. IV)			
	(d) Statistics on the advancement of women			
	Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sect. V)			
10	Environment statistics			
	Report of the Secretary-General on environment statistics (E/CN.3/1993/13)			Issued
11	Tourism statistics			
	Report of the World Tourism Organization on draft recommendations on tourism statistics (E/CN.3/1993/14)			Issued
	Draft Standard International Classification of Tourism Activities (SICTA) (PROVISIONAL, ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/83)			1 February
12	General development and integration of methodological work, including development indicators:			
	(a) General development and integration of methodological work			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the general development and integration of methodological work (E/CN.3/1993/15)			Issued
	Joint report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (E/CN.3/1993/15/Add.1)			Issued

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	(b) Development indicators			
	Report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on patterns of consumption and qualitative aspects of development (E/CN.3/1993/16)			Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work (E/CN.3/1993/20)			Issued
13	Technical cooperation:			
	(a) Technical cooperation in statistics			
	Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation in statistics (E/CN.3/1993/17)	12 October	11 November	27 January
	(b) National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP)			
	(c) Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) Programme and the Living Standards Measurement Study			
	Joint report of the Secretary-General and the World Bank on progress in the implementation of National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP), the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) Programme and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) (E/CN.3/1993/18)	8 January	20 January	9 February
	Joint report of the Secretary-General and the World Bank on selected issues (E/CN.3/1993/19)	12 January	13 January	8 February
	(d) Monitoring the achievement of social goals in the 1990s			
	Report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the patterns of consumption and qualitative aspects of development (E/CN.3/1993/16)			Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work (E/CN.3/1993/20)			Issued

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14	Coordination and integration of international statistical programmes			Issued
	Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fourteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/2)			
	Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/21)	3 November	5 January	29 January
	Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations (E/CN.3/1993/22)	14 January		
	Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the area of statistics (E/CN.3/1993/23)	14 January		
15	Programme questions:			
	(a) Programme performance and implementation			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations (E/CN.3/1993/22)	14 January		
	Report of the Secretary-General on updated information on the work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.3/1993/24)	21 January		

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	(b) Programme objectives and planning			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the area of statistics (E/CN.3/1993/23)	14 January		
	Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995, including proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/25)			
	Proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995 and related information (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1)			

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Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work for the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session, annexed to the present note, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the Commission will be convened on Monday, 22 February 1993, at 11 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. The meeting hours (Monday to Friday, inclusive) will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3. There are some differences in the detail of documentation shown in the present draft organization of work, compared to the detail in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1). The provisional agenda was prepared in April 1992, prior to the preparation of substantive documents. The documentation in the present draft organization of work reflects the actual documentation, which has been brought into accord with the decisions of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination and also reflects evolving developments. In particular:

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(a) The planned document "Proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997" (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.2) was not produced; the mandated cycle of revisions for the medium-term plan was followed, which resulted in revisions being approved by the General Assembly during its forty-seventh session; the "Medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997: Programme 24. Statistics" (A/45/6/Rev.1 (Prog.24)) and the revisions to it (A/47/6 (Prog.24)) are therefore included in place of document E/CN.3/1993/CRP.2;

(b) The section headings of the report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12) are different from those listed in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1) for the documentation under agenda items 9 (c), "Statistics on special population groups", and 9 (d), "Statistics on the advancement of women";

(c) Documents E/CN.3/1993/4 and E/CN.3/1993/6, listed in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1) as reports of the Secretary-General, were each issued as a report of the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts;

(d) Documents E/CN.3/1993/18 and E/CN.3/1993/19, listed in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1) as reports of the Secretary-General, were each issued as a joint report of the Secretary-General and the World Bank;

(e) A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparation of the documentation (E/CN.3/1993/L.1), which was not included in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1), was produced;

(f) A report of the Secretary-General containing comments on the recommendations and decisions contained in the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session, work done and additional action required for implementation (E/CN.3/1993/3/Add.1), which was not included in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1), was produced;

(g) A note by the Secretariat on the fundamental principles of official statistics (E/CN.3/1993/26), which was not included in the provisional agenda (E/CN.3/1993/1), was produced.

4. The following views of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination which relate to the organization of work, and some aspects of the organization of work, are brought to the attention of the Commission:

(a) At its fourteenth session, the Working Group "noted that several proposals for a fundamental restructuring of the agenda for the Commission at its twenty-seventh session had been made by individual participants at the twenty-sixth session ... The Working Group felt that, although a fundamental restructuring of the agenda was not necessary, a number of changes could usefully be introduced. In particular there was agreement that a new effort

should be made to identify items or sub-items that were expected to be either for discussion or for information" (see E/CN.3/1993/2, paras. 37 and 38). The Working Group considered each agenda item and its documentation and classified them as "for discussion" or "for information". Documents and parts of documents are indicated as being for discussion or information in the draft organization of work (see annex) in accordance with the Working Group's decisions. The Working Group "recognized that when participants wished to discuss an item, they could not be prevented from doing so" (see E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 39);

(b) The proposed work programme of the Statistical Division for 1994-1995 (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1), and the "Medium-term plan for 1992-1997: Programme 24. Statistics" (A/45/6/Rev.1 (Prog.24)) and the revisions to it (A/47/6 (Prog.24)) have been included under agenda item 3, "Special topic: strengthening international statistical cooperation", as the Working Group expected them to be closely related to matters that were likely to be discussed under this item (see E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 40). Extended time has been provided for discussion and decisions on the work programme of the Statistical Division (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1) under agenda item 15 (b), "Programme objectives and planning". Although the medium-term plan and the revisions to it have been adopted, the Commission, in reviewing them, may wish to give guidance for the next revision during the discussion under agenda item 15 (b). An opportunity for discussion of the medium-term plan and its revisions has also been provided at an earlier stage of the session than in the past (under agenda item 3), as the Working Group expected that this would provide more time for their consideration by the maximum number of participants (see E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 40);

(c) The Working Group also "stressed that the structure of the agenda and the availability of documentation needed to be combined with more focused, issue-oriented and succinct interventions by those participating in the discussions. It emphasized that detailed expositions of methodology or the reporting of routine activities should be avoided. The Working Group requested the Chairman of the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session to bring those matters to the attention of the participants" (see E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 41). In addition, the Working Group, at its fifteenth session, made a number of recommendations to the Statistical Commission, including the recommendation that participants should present their reports to the Commission as documents or background papers and not through lengthy oral statements (see E/CN.3/1993/21, para. 22).

Annex

DRAFT ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 22 February

Morning — Opening of the session.

Item 1. Election of officers.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/1 and E/CN.3/1993/L.2

For information: E/CN.3/1993/L.1

Item 5. International economic classifications:

Item 5 (a). Implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC), Rev.3, and the Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC).

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/7

Item 5 (b). International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE).

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/8

Afternoon

Item 3. Special topic: strengthening international statistical cooperation.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/2, E/CN.3/1993/21, E/CN.3/1993/3, E/CN.3/1993/3/Add.1, E/CN.3/1993/25, E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1, A/45/6/Rev.1 (Prog.24) and A/47/6 (Prog.24)

Tuesday, 23 February

Morning

Item 4. National accounts and balances:

Item 4 (a). System of National Accounts (SNA).

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/4, PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/2/Rev.4 and E/CN.3/1993/5)

Item 4 (b). Implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA).

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/6

Afternoon

Item 4. (continued)

Wednesday, 24 February

Morning

Item 3. (continued)

Afternoon

Item 12. General development and integration of methodological work, including development indicators:

Item 12 (a). General development and integration of methodological work.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/15, section II.B and E/CN.3/1993/15/Add.1

For information: E/CN.3/1993/15, sections I and II.A

Item 8. Price statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/11

Thursday, 25 February

Morning

Item 6. Industrial statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/9, sections II, III and IV

For information: E/CN.3/1993/9, section I

Item 7. Service statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/10

Item 9. Demographic and social statistics:

Item 9 (a). Population and housing censuses.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/12, section I.B

For information: E/CN.3/1993/12, sections I.A and III

Item 9 (b). Civil registration and vital statistics.

For information: E/CN.3/1993/12, section II

Item 9 (c). Statistics on special population groups.

For information: E/CN.3/1993/12, section III

Item 9 (d). Statistics on the advancement of women.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/12, section IV

Afternoon

Item 10. Environment statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/13, sections I.B, I.C, II, IV, V and VI

For information: E/CN.3/1993/13, sections I.A and III

Item 11. Tourism statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/14 and PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/83

Item 12. (continued)

Item 12 (b). Development indicators.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/16, sections II and III

For information: E/CN.3/1993/16, section I, and E/CN.3/1993/20

Friday, 26 February

Morning

Item 13. Technical cooperation:

Item 13 (a). Technical cooperation in statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/17

Item 13 (b). National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP).

Item 13 (c). Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) Programme and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS).

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/19

For information: E/CN.3/1993/18

Afternoon

Item 13 (d). Monitoring the achievement of social goals in the 1990s.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/20

For information: E/CN.3/1993/16

Proposed item. Fundamental principles of official statistics.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/26

Monday, 1 March

Morning

Item 14. Coordination and integration of international statistical programmes.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/2, E/CN.3/1993/21, E/CN.3/1993/22 and E/CN.3/1993/23

Item 15. Programme questions:

Item 15 (a). Programme performance and implementation.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/22

For information: E/CN.3/1993/24

Afternoon

Item 15 (b). Programme objectives and planning.

For discussion: E/CN.3/1993/25, E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1, E/CN.3/1993/23, A/45/6/Rev.1 (Prog.24) and A/47/6 (Prog.24)

Tuesday, 2 March

Morning

Item 15 (b). (continued)

Item 16. Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission (E/CN.3/1993/L.3)

Afternoon

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Wednesday, 3 March

Morning

Item 17. Report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session (E/CN.3/1993/L.4 and addenda)

Afternoon

Item 17. (continued)

Adoption of the report.

Closure of the session.